

(Washington, DC) - **Congressman Herger attended a ceremony to dedicate a statue of former President Ronald Reagan to the Capitol Rotunda. Former First Lady Nancy Reagan delivered remarks in remembrance of her husband. Also on hand to honor President Reagan were House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Majority Leader Reid (D-NV), House Minority Leader Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY). At the unveiling, Mrs. Reagan commented that it was a "wonderful likeness" of her late husband. The 7-foot, bronze statue contains pieces of the Berlin Wall, in recognition of his unyielding commitment to freedom everywhere. A picture of the statue is attached and Herger's statement follows below:**

"It was my great pleasure this morning to be able to attend the unveiling of the President Ronald Reagan statue. Ronald Reagan was one of my favorite Presidents and I had the honor of serving in Congress during two years of his presidency. His vision for America as a 'shining city on the hill' was rooted in principle, faith, and an unshakeable belief in the American people. When he came into office after the disastrous 1970's, the United States was going through 21.5 % prime interest rate, we had inflation that was running in double digits every year, and unemployment was at 11-12 %. These were truly difficult times for our country, for our people, for our economy. And Ronald Reagan arrived, telling us it was "morning in America," helping us to believe in ourselves again, and giving us hope that our best days are in front of us. Today's ceremony was a moving experience and I can think of no person more worthy of this tribute than President Reagan."